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Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety,
Research and Special Programs Administration,
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 7th Street SW
Washington, DC 20590-0001
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Attention: Exemptions, DHM-31; Mr. Ryan Posten

Subject: Request for application for renewal of DOT Exemption 12135

Dear Mr. Posten:

As required by 49CFR §107.109, Daicel Safety Systems, Inc., 805 Umaba, Ibogawa Cho, Ibo-Gun, Hyogo Prefecture 671-1681, Japan (telephone: 81-791-72-5422; facsimile: 81-791-72-5450) requests an extension for two (2) years of its current DOT exemption 12135, originally issued December 11, 1998.

This letter is to certify that the Exemption as currently written is accurate and complete, and as of this date, no modification to this exemption is requested. It is also to certify that a total of 527,556 airbag inflators have been manufactured, marked and sold in accordance with this Exemption, and that to our knowledge, our shipping experience has not had any reportable incidents of loss of contents.

As required by paragraph 8.b. of DOT-E12135, Authorized Testing, Inc. (IA02) has certified all designs that have been manufactured, marked and sold under authorization of DOT-E12135.

We realize that this submission of request for Exemption renewal has been made less than sixty (60) days from the expiry date of November 30, 2000, but we are respectfully requesting an expedited approval of this renewal so that we may continue production and shipment of our product.

If you have any questions regarding this application please contact either the undersigned or our designated agent for service of process, Mr. James W. Reed of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, at 202-408-6448 (telephone) or 202-408-6399 (facsimile).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Masahiko Mizuno
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Dear Mr. Posten:

Please expedite Daicel Safety Systems, Inc. application for renewal of DOT Exemption 12135, dated November 6, 2000 as required by 49CFR §107.109. The current Exemption is will expire on November 30, 2000.

This manufacturer was unaware of the necessity to submit the application for renewal at least 60 days prior to the Exemption expiry date. During my on-site audit of this facility, I discovered that such request for renewal had not yet been made. Authorized Testing, Inc. has certified all airbag inflator designs made by Daicel Safety Systems, Inc. as required by the Exemption, and has determined that they have maintained compliance with the criteria of DOT-E12135.

If you have any questions regarding this application or any matters related to the current Exemption, please do not hesitate to contact me at 909-682-4110, by fax at 909-682-6090 or by E-mail at atitest@pe.net. I will be in Asia the next few weeks, but all messages can be forwarded to me through my office while I am away.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Steven T. Hutchinson
Director, Technical Services
Authorized Testing, Inc.

Cc: Masahiko Mizuno-Daicel Safety Systems, Inc.